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## **RANCHO GUAJOME DECKS THE HALLS FOR THE HOLIDAYS: *Historic Adobe Hosts Old-fashioned Rancho Christmas Festivities***

Each year when the time and weather change, the staff and docents at Rancho Guajome Adobe begin gathering pinecones and pepper tree branches, and drying fruits and flowers for the annual Rancho Christmas event.

Twenty-two rooms of the historic adobe are decorated using only natural materials that a family from the 1800s would have used to make wreaths, garlands, centerpieces and other holiday decorations. The Rancho Guajome Adobe will debut its natural adornments at the Rancho Christmas event and the decorations will remain through the holiday season.

The 8<sup>th</sup> annual Rancho Christmas event, sponsored by the County of San Diego Department of Parks and Recreation and the San Diego County Parks Society, is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, November 27 and 28, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday will include an expanded celebration, from 4 to 5:30 p.m., with the lighting of the luminarias in the courtyard, special Adobe tours, hot cider and caroling until sunset. In addition, there will be activities for children, including making homemade candles, candy apples and cornhusk dolls, wagon rides, and a blacksmith who makes miniature reindeer shoes. Craft vendors and the Adobe gift shop will be offering unique and special gifts, perfect for holiday shopping. Musical entertainment and food and beverages will be offered throughout the day.

The Rancho Guajome Adobe is located at 2210 North Santa Fe in Vista. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$2 for children 4 to 12. There is no charge for children three and under. For more information, call 760-724-4082 or visit [www.sdparks.org](http://www.sdparks.org)

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